

root of the problems? We need to change the hearts of men, to start loving their neighbors and the neighbor's children as themselves. What's sad is, it doesn't cost one red cent. In fact it will save us money. My plea to you people today, is put all politics and religions aside and start living life like my little daughter Ashley did, by laying down her life for her sisters. It might cost you your life, but that should be easy to do, you already have an example in my daughter. Do whatever it takes to protect your family and friends. I know the only way she knew to do that was by example, starting with her love for Jesus, she learned at Sunday school. The next example was her mom and dad, who led her and were there for her, instead of chasing their desires. Because with me and my wife, we were raised and taught the same way, I wouldn't trade it for anything, because if I did, I wouldn't be here feeling like the proud father that I am, of all my children. I know without a shadow of doubt where my children are today, and only God knows where the murderer is. Please remember if you don't do as Ashley lived and did in her actions you might never see them again, and it hurts me to know that for you, their little lives might be in vain. I just want to say that for me, John William and Ashley Danielle Carpenter's lives weren't in vain. I will always keep you close to my heart John and Ashley in this life, but I guarantee you, I'll see you in heaven. Love you always and forever. Your Daddy & Buddy.

CELEBRATING HENRY BERMAN'S
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, ten years ago, I had the privilege of standing on this floor to wish my dear friend, Henry Berman, a happy birthday. It is with great pleasure that I rise today, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, to pay tribute again to this wonderful San Franciscan.

Henry Berman continues to be a leader in San Francisco. He serves with distinction on the San Francisco Airport Commission and is the former chair of the San Francisco Fire Commission. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Anti-Defamation League and on the Board of Directors of the Northern California American Israel Political Affairs Committee. Henry continues his work with Glide Methodist Church on the annual fundraising event he helped to create, and he sits on the Board of Directors of the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning.

Henry Berman, however, is more than the sum of his affiliations. He is an extraordinary man whose energy and enthusiasm for life are contagious. His commitment to the poor, the marginalized, and those in great need is an inspiration to us all, and I am honored to count him among my friends.

I join his wife, Sally, his sons, Ronald and Robert, and all of his family and friends in wishing Henry a happy 90th birthday. Congratulations, Henry.

HONORING THE LATE OSCAR
MAUZY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to former Texas State Senator and Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mauzy. He passed away on Tuesday, October 10, at the age of 73.

Justice Mauzy was my immediate predecessor in the Texas Senate from Senate District 23. He represented this District from 1967 until his election to the State Supreme Court in 1986. During his service in the legislature, Senator Mauzy served as the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, where he led efforts to improve education and to secure greater funding for education in poorer school districts. A labor lawyer by training, Senator Mauzy was also active in the areas of judicial reform, consumer protection, and workers' compensation. Later in his legislative career, Senator Mauzy served as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, where he authored legislation to make jury selection uniform throughout the state and finally allow women to serve as jurors.

Justice Mauzy's dedication to education for our children continued during his six-year term in the Texas Supreme Court. He was the driving force behind a 9-0 decision that declared the state's school funding system inequitable. That decision led to enactment of a law to require wealthier school districts to share funds with lower-income districts.

I am deeply saddened that Texas has lost a public servant who dedicated more than a quarter century in service to his fellow Texans. I ask the House to join me in remembrance of Justice Mauzy, a true champion for working men and women and schoolchildren in my state.

SANTIAGO JIMENEZ RECEIVES
PRESTIGIOUS MUSICIAN AWARD

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Santiago Jimenez of San Antonio, Texas, who is being recognized for his accomplishments as a singer and accordion player by the National Endowment for the Arts. The National Heritage Fellowship is an award given to a select group of people, reflecting the diverse heritage and cultural tradition that have become a part of our society.

Local artists are nominated by a member of the community, in recognition of the artist's excellence in a particular area. Each year only a select group of these artists are honored. The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded only slightly more than 222 National Heritage Awards.

Mr. Jimenez plays a style of music known as conjunto, which has both German and Mexican roots. His music interest began when his father would take him to hear German polka bands in New Braunfels, Texas. At the age of 15, he began performing professionally

at weddings, clubs and traditional community settings. Following his father's example he developed creatively and incorporated a wider audience. In 1958, at the age of 17, with his brother he recorded *El Principe y el Rey del Acordeon*. Since then, he has made 60 recordings of more than 700 pieces of music on several different labels.

He started Chief Records, his own label, in order to give younger musicians the opportunity to have their music heard. He works to help others in an industry that he has experienced barriers to entry. Mr. Jimenez has toured throughout the US, Europe and South America to bring the world of conjunto music to millions.

I join the City of San Antonio and the National Endowment for the Arts in recognizing Santiago Jimenez on his accomplishment as a recipient of the National Heritage Fellowship award.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET TOWSON

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional individual and friend to the State of Missouri. This year, after 56 years of service to the citizens of Missouri, Margaret Towson will celebrate her retirement from her historic post at the Missouri State Senate in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Margaret Towson started in the Secretary of the Senate Office in 1949. During her tenure she witnessed twenty-six General Assemblies for the equivalent of almost fifty-two years. She then served as the distinguished Assistant Secretary of the Senate, whose duties, in addition to functioning as secretary and receptionist, included tallying and filing roll calls, maintaining good public relations with legislators and lobbyists, remaining in the office each day until adjournment, and addressing any challenge or task which required her assistance.

As a lifelong member of the Cole County Democrats and the Cole County Democratic Women's Club, Margaret Towson is widely recognized as an outstanding civic minded individual who has consistently committed her time and energy to promote civic involvement. One of Margaret's greatest moments came when her efforts were recognized by President Harry S. Truman, a man she greatly admired and affectionately referred to as "Cousin Harry."

Margaret Towson's kind, dedicated spirit is celebrated, admired, and respected in Jefferson City and throughout the State of Missouri. She will be missed not only for her professional excellence, but also for her personally endearing qualities and delectable apple pies that were savored by the many people she met and worked with. Margaret's retirement marks the end of a historic era in the Missouri State Senate. She is looking forward to spending more quality time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. Margaret Towson has left a lasting impression upon her peers and friends that will not be forgotten.

It is with deep gratitude and honor that I recognize Margaret Towson for over a half a century of friendship and service to the State